

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 5, 2019; Freedom Town Hall**

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall, Selectmen; Janice Zecher, Administrative Assistant; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Transfer Station Manager Justin Brooks, Mark McKinley, Sue Brown

Mark McKinley presented information about changing the towns lighting system over to LED lighting. He said the town's lighting costs would be reduced by 40% and gave fact sheets about the program. Eversource has a loan program for the buildings at a 3% interest rate but if the town takes this option, they must change all buildings over to LED lighting. The street lights are not part of a loan program. Eversource has a contractor who has done about 75% of their lighting conversions.

Les made a motion, seconded by Alan to put a warrant article for the next town meeting to fund the conversion of the street lights. Mark will move ahead with the conversion of the lights in the town buildings but the town will not take a loan from Eversource. Ernie was also in favor.

Mark will contact Eversource to see if this can be completed in 2019 and will let the Selectmen know.

The furnace at the town hall had been placed on a five year plan. Mark asked the Selectmen if they wanted to move ahead with replacement or continue the five year plan. He received one bid for \$16,000, and a second, lower bid that didn't have as much detail. Mark will contact the second bidder to get a more detailed list of what is included in the price. Mark will get this information back to the town office for the Selectmen's review at the August 12 meeting.

There was no Public Comment.

Department Heads: Police Chief Josh Shackford said the number of people in Freedom is much higher than last summer. He has been very busy and did not have a call breakdown at present. Transfer Station Justin Brooks agreed that this summer is much busier than last and had nothing specific to report. Janice Zecher reported that work on the Ossipee Lake Dam had begun today. Parsons Road in Freedom and Iron Works Road in Effingham is now closed to the public. They will work as late into November as they can, and will resume in the spring. Charter Contracting is in charge of the project and left contact information in case anyone has questions or needs to contact them. This information has been forwarded to Karen Hatch as the contact for the Selectmen.

At 7:35 pm, Les Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a); seconded by Ernest Day

Roll Call Vote:	Leslie Babb	yes
	Ernest Day Jr.	yes
	Alan Fall	yes

The board entered nonpublic session at 7:35pm.

The board reconvened the public session at 8:19pm. There was no vote to seal the nonpublic minutes.

A motion was made by Les Babb to adjourn, seconded by Alan Fall, agreed by Ernest Day. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Zecher

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr

Alan G. Fall